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Dear Mr. Gargan:

The following is in response to your request to Mr. Raymond VanderVliet as to whether asbestos was contained in the materials used to fireproof the structural steel and decking above the finished ceiling on the 52nd floor of One World Trade Center.

During the early stages of construction of One World Trade Center, the use of asbestos fireproofing materials was halted and asbestos free materials were substituted. In specific areas such as elevator shafts, because of the velocity of the elevator cars, it was necessary to continue with the use of asbestos materials since there was no available substitute at that time. In this situation the asbestos containing material was an overspray, Cafco Mark II, to achieve a hard coat on the asbestos free fireproofing.

Extensive sampling and testing has been performed of the materials used to fireproof the structural steel and decking above the finished ceiling on the 52nd floor of One World Trade Center. All sampling of fireproofing material was conducted in accordance with procedures outlined in the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.E.P.A.) publication, "Guidance for Controlling Asbestos containing Material in Buildings". The testing of these samples was conducted at the laboratory of the Port Authority Public Safety Department which is a participant in the U.S.E.P.A. Bulk Asbestos Sample Quality Assurance Program.

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